

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

BLOCK MINING, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOSTING SOURCE, LLC,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C24-0319JLR

ORDER

Before the court is Defendant Hosting Source, LLC's ("Hosting Source") corporate disclosure statement. (Statement (Dkt. # 32).) The court has reviewed the corporate disclosure statement and requires clarification.

This court has "an independent obligation to determine whether subject-matter jurisdiction exists." *Arbaugh v. Y&H Corp.*, 546 U.S. 500, 514 (2006). Federal jurisdiction exists over all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000 and the action is between citizens of different states. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1). "For a case to qualify for federal jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), there must be complete

1 diversity of citizenship between the parties opposed in interest.” *Kuntz v. Lamar Corp.*,
2 385 F.3d 1177, 1181 (9th Cir. 2004). For purposes of assessing diversity jurisdiction, the
3 court must consider the domicile of all members of a limited liability company. *Johnson*
4 *v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006). To this end,
5 Local Civil Rule 7.1 requires any nongovernmental party that is a limited liability
6 company to identify any member of the LLC and for any such member, “list those states
7 in which the . . . members are citizens.” Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7.1(a)-(b).

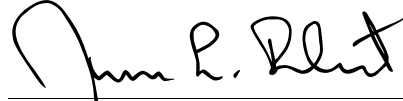
8 Here, subject matter jurisdiction is premised on diversity of citizenship. (*See*
9 Compl. (Dkt. # 1) ¶ 8.) Plaintiff Block Mining, Inc. (“Block Mining”) alleges it is a
10 citizen of Delaware and Illinois. (*See id.* ¶ 6.) Block Mining has also alleged “that Joe
11 Teegarden is the sole member of Hosting Source and is a citizen of California.” (*See*
12 OSC Resp. (Dkt. # 9) at 3.) Hosting Source now asserts that it “is a Washington limited
13 liability company” and, curiously, that “[t]here is no . . . member . . . to identify as
14 required by LCR 7.1(a)(1).” (Statement at 1.) The parties have provided conflicting
15 information that casts doubt on Hosting Source’s citizenship and, in turn, whether the
16 court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

17 Accordingly, the court ORDERS Hosting Source to either (1) file an amended
18 corporate disclosure statement naming and identifying the citizenship of every member of
19 Hosting Source, LLC, or if “[t]here is no . . . member . . . to identify as required by LCR
20 7.1(a)(1)” (Statement at 1), (2) file a response to this order identifying Hosting Source,
21 LLC’s citizenship as well as the factual and legal basis for the same. Hosting Source

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1 shall do so by no later than **April 10, 2024**. Failure to comply with this order may result
2 in sanctions.

3 Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024.

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5 JAMES L. ROBART
6 United States District Judge
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